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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as directed on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.